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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt for use in the press part of a closed draw papermaking machine, comprising a base body, a wet paper web side layer having a high molecular weight elastic section, said elastic section having a wet paper web-contacting surface, and a machine side layer, said belt having fibers, parts of which are embedded in said high molecular weight elastic section, and parts of which protrude from said web-contacting surface, wherein the average length of the protruding parts of said fibers is between 0.01 and 3 mm.

2(cancelled).

3(original). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average density of the protruding parts of said fibers is in the range of 10 to 500,000 fibers/cm².

4 (cancelled).

5(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed <u>in</u> claim 1, wherein said wet paper web side layer has a high molecular weight elastic section, and said fibers are embedded in said high molecular weight elastic section and the

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protruding parts of said fibers are formed by processing the surface of said high molecular weight elastic section.

6(cancelled).

7(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed <u>in</u> claim 3, wherein said wet paper web side layer has a high molecular weight elastic section, and said fibers are embedded in said high molecular weight elastic section and the protruding parts of said fibers are formed by processing the surface of said high molecular weight elastic section.

8-12(cancelled)